

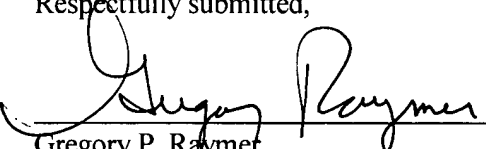
**Remarks**

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable upon entry of the amendments submitted herewith, and that the application is otherwise in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objections and rejections of record, and, as the next official action, to provide a Notice of Allowance.

If any issues remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, or should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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